

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

2003 ICC FAMILY OF CODES

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CODE	IBC	SECTION NO.	1019.1.8.1	SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO.	FLS-13		
PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE	FLS	CHAIR	Devlin	PHONE	301/220-1212	E-mail	john_devlin@schirmereng.com
DATES: OF PROPOSAL	04/20/05	BCAC PRESENTATION	04/20/05	BCAC APPROVAL			

CHECK ONE ☐ *Revise section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section and substitute the following:*
☒ *Add new section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Add an exception to Section 1019.1.8.1 to read as follows:

1019.1.8.1 Enclosure exit. A smokeproof enclosure or pressurized stairway shall exit into a public way or into an exit passageway, yard or open space having direct access to a public way. The exit passageway shall be without other openings and shall be separated from the remainder of the building by 2-hour fire-resistance-rated construction.

Exceptions:

1. Openings in the exit passageway serving a smokeproof enclosure are permitted where the exit passageway is protected and pressurized in the same manner as the smokeproof enclosure, and openings are protected as required for access from other floors.
2. Openings in the exit passageway serving a pressurized stairway are permitted where the exit passageway is protected and pressurized in the same manner as the pressurized stairway.

3. A smokeproof enclosure or pressurized stairway shall be permitted to egress through area on the level of exit discharge or vestibules as permitted by Section 1023.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

☐ *Increase* ☐ *Decrease* ☐ *Negligible* ☐ *Unknown*

If "Increase" box was checked, indicate estimated range of added cost:

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling	\$		to	\$	
Per 1,000SF of commercial building	\$		to	\$	

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

The provision is inappropriate due to local conditions (physical, and urban planning) that constrain the building footprint and limit means of egress within a building. This provision hampers the economic development of the District, and creates an economic hardship on the owner without a clear justification based on considerations of protection of safety, health and welfare of the building occupants or population at large. The proposed change modifies the intent of this section to permit the exit discharge into a building lobby or similar space affording a reasonable degree of building occupant fire safety.